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Police kill four Red Brigades

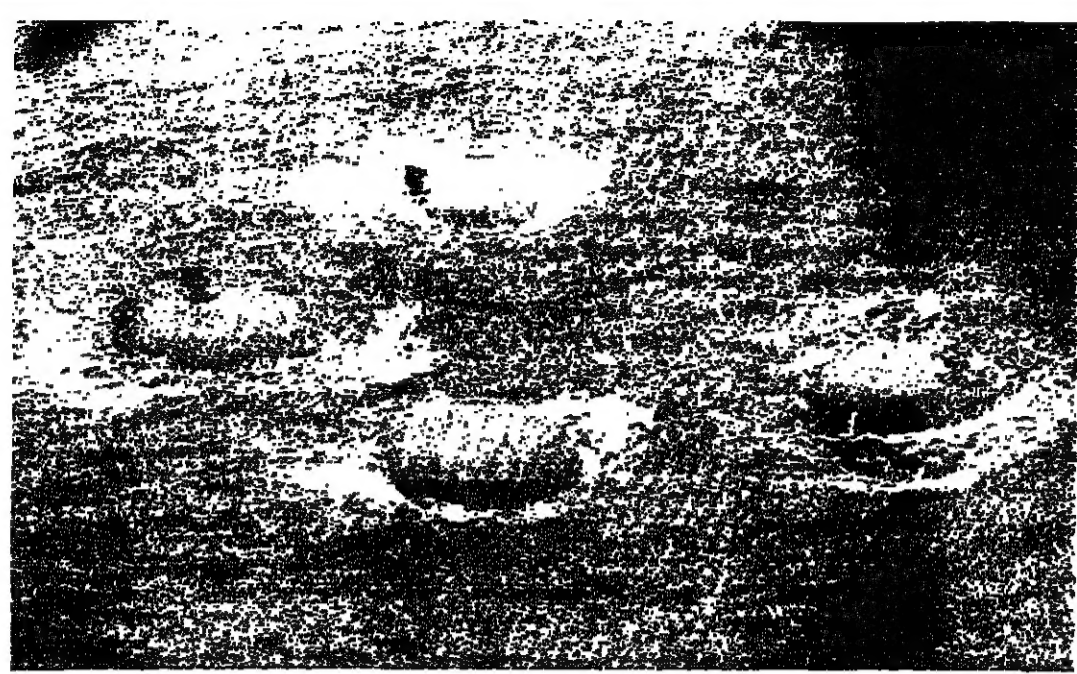
March 28 (R)—Police today killed four urban guerrilla during dawn raids in three cities, arresting 14 people and six alleged hideouts. The police said three men and a woman had been shot dead while resisting arrest in an apartment. All were believed to be members of the Red Brigades. Her later telephoned a Genoa newspaper threatening revenge by the guerrilla group. Police later said they had more coordinated raids at addresses in Turin and Biella, arrests and capturing a rich haul of illegal armaments, explosives, flags, documents and the names of some 3,000 apparently listed as possible targets were also found, the police said. The carabinieri today kept strict silence on details of the operation, but their chief, Gen. Umberto Cappuzzo, sent a laconic telegram to those involved.

Floods kill at least 62 in Turkey

ANKARA, March 28 (AP)—At least 62 persons were killed in a village of the Kayseri province in central Turkey today because of torrential rains and ensuing floods, government officials reported. They said the victims were residents of mud huts which were buried under an avalanche of soil loosened by the floods in the Ayvazhaci village. Rescue operations were underway in the village to dig out persons who could still be alive under the rubble of their homes, officials reported. They expressed fear that the death toll could rise. The semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported that heavy rains and floods posed threats elsewhere in Turkey—in the provinces of Konya, Sivas, Adana and Karamanmara. Weather bureau officials said heavy rainfall was expected to continue in large parts of the country at least until tomorrow. The main highway linking this capital city to the southern province of Adana was closed to traffic and the Taurus Express, the daily train service from Istanbul to Adana, also had to cancel its scheduled run today.

U.S. to announce initiative, non-military actions against Iran

WASHINGTON, March 28—The United States is announcing new non-military actions for refusing to free 50 hostages, a senior State Department official said today. The administration agreed to a proposal by some members of the Senate foreign relations committee to draft a report on the history of U.S.-Iranian relations to show Iran that the United States could be objective about its past, he said. Privately, one official noted President Carter's primary election defeats this week in New York and Connecticut and said the Iran issue was hurting him politically. "Iran—that's the biting issue," he said. Meanwhile, former Irish Foreign Minister Sean MacBride has arrived in Iran at the invitation of the government, raising speculation that his scheme for an independent commission of inquiry to help solve the hostage crisis might be revived. Mr. MacBride, who was last here in December, said he had just met President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr. He told Reuters the invitation for him to return had come from the president. In the meantime, he declined to give any information on the purpose of his visit, which he said would last until Monday. In a written report on his last visit, Mr. MacBride said the purpose of his mission would be to investigate whether there were mining of waters near Iran, would risk the lives of the hostages and harm U.S. relations with the Islamic World. The administration agreed to a proposal by some members of the Senate foreign relations committee to draft a report on the history of U.S.-Iranian relations to show Iran that the United States could be objective about its past, he said. Privately, one official noted President Carter's primary election defeats this week in New York and Connecticut and said the Iran issue was hurting him politically. "Iran—that's the biting issue," he said. Meanwhile, former Irish Foreign Minister Sean MacBride has arrived in Iran at the invitation of the government, raising speculation that his scheme for an independent commission of inquiry to help solve the hostage crisis might be revived. Mr. MacBride, who was last here in December, said he had just met President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr. He told Reuters the invitation for him to return had come from the president. In the meantime, he declined to give any information on the purpose of his visit, which he said would last until Monday. In a written report on his last visit, Mr. MacBride said the purpose of his mission would be to investigate whether there were



The four remaining legs of platform Alexander Kelland visible above the surface in this picture taken Friday by photographer Ole Christiansen on the Edda field in the North Sea. A total of 81 men were reported dead or missing Friday after the offshore rig, the size of a football field, turned upside down during a storm in the worst disaster in the history of the North Sea oilfields. See story on page 6. (AP wirephoto)

To resolve deadlock Sadat hints of summit meeting with Carter, Begin on autonomy

CAIRO, March 28 (R)—President Anwar Sadat said today he was ready to attend a summit conference with President Carter and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin to break the deadlock over Palestinian autonomy negotiations. After a 90-minute meeting with Mr. Sol Linowitz, U.S. chief negotiator at the talks, Mr. Sadat told reporters: "If it (a summit) is needed I have no objection. I think after we meet with President Carter, both of us, (the Israeli Premier Begin), there may be a need, and as I told you I have no objection at all." The latest and shortest round of autonomy talks between the three countries ended in deadlock yesterday without any progress on bridging the wide gap between Egypt and Israel on how to grant autonomy to 1.2 million Palestinians on the West Bank of Jordan and Gaza Strip. President Sadat said today: "Let's hope things will look brighter at the Washington meeting." Mr. Carter will hold separate talks with Mr. Sadat on April 8 and 9 and later with Mr. Begin. Mr. Sadat said he exchanged views with Mr. Linowitz on the autonomy negotiations and his forthcoming talks in Washington. Asked whether he was ready to make another trip to Washington to discuss the situation, Mr. Sadat replied: "This will materialize, I think, if we reach an agreement (on autonomy) and we want to sign it. Well, I am ready to repeat the trip 10 times."

Arafat gets head of government reception India, PLO urge political solution to Afghan crisis

NEW DELHI, March 28 (Agencies)—the Afghan crisis should be solved by political and diplomatic means, an Indian government spokesman said. He was speaking to reporters after a first round of talks between Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat who arrived today for a 48-hour visit to India. The spokesman said Mr. Arafat had described India's response to the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan as "balanced, constructive and measured". Both leaders had warned against any military confrontation over the issue, he said. India is treating Mr. Arafat as a head of government in keeping with its decision this week to grant full diplomatic status to the PLO mission in New Delhi. Mrs. Gandhi has criticized the Soviet presence in Afghanistan but has stopped short of outright denunciation of Moscow's intervention in support of the pro-communist government of President Babrak Karmal. Indian officials have repeatedly denied reports that her government is trying to organize a regional conference to discuss the crisis. Mr. Arafat was yesterday named as a possible mediator in the Afghan crisis by a leftist Beirut newspaper. Informed sources said the PLO regarded India's decision to grant it full diplomatic status as a major breakthrough in its campaign for international recognition. India has been stressing its support for PLO demands for a Palestinian homeland and this week the government called for full PLO participation in the talks on Palestinian autonomy between Israel, Egypt and the United States. Palestinian students at the airport shouted: "Welcome, welcome Arafat", when the PLO leader arrived. He told reporters: "The traditions between my people and the Arab peoples and India are very old. We are one civilisation, with one present and one future." The bearded commando leader's full colour portrait was affixed to many walls in the Indian capital after his arrival here in the morning on an executive jet provided by the United Arab Emirates. He was greeted at Delhi airport by Mrs. Gandhi and about half of the diplomatic corps turned up. During talks with Mrs. Gandhi, Mr. Arafat said that problems generated by the Afghan crisis can be solved "only through political and diplomatic measures, not by military confrontation." The Indian leader agreed, a spokesman said later. The PLO was using what influence it had with parties involved to bring about such a solution, he said. However, the spokesman who quoted Mr. Arafat did not make clear whether he meant possible mediation efforts have been attempted by the PLO with Moscow, Kabul, Islamabad and Washington as implied. The Afghan crisis has put the PLO, and Mr. Arafat, in an embarrassing position with the Soviet Union, a major source of material support for its struggle. Last January, it joined in the unanimous condemnation at the Islamic conference of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and demanded the immediate withdrawal of Russian troops. Indian spokesman J.N. Dikshit described the Gandhi-Arafat talks which went on beyond schedule as "very warm and cordial." On his arrival, the PLO chairman was effusive in his praise for the Indian prime minister, calling her "one of the closest and nearest friends of the Arab nation." Asked about India's granting of full diplomatic recognition, he replied: "This relations between my people, the Palestinians, our nation, the Arab Nation... India is a very old one... one civilisation, one present and one future."

Leftist French Jews urge PLO-Israeli talks

PARIS, March 28 (AP)—Twenty Jewish leftists published a manifesto today attacking the French Jewish leadership and calling for peace talks between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). In a press communique, the signatories said that the conventional Jewish leadership in France "create a false and one-sided image of what the Jews of France are thinking." The signatories, who called themselves the Collective Initiative of Leftist Jews, rejected the notion that Israel is central to Judaism, and refused "any obedience whatsoever toward Israel or the Zionist movement." The manifesto went on to demand that Israel negotiate with the PLO, and accused the Zionist state of discriminating against its Arab population. The representative Council of Jewish Institutions in France (CJIF), which the leftist manifesto accused of monopolising Jewish opinion here, recently protested to the government over President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's endorsement of the Palestinians' right to self-determination.

German scientific team arrested in Jamahiriyah

WEST BERLIN, March 28 (Agencies)—Nine members of a West German scientific expedition have been under arrest for nearly a month in the Libyan Jamahiriyah for allegedly violating the country's frontier, a spokesman for West Berlin's Free University said yesterday. Six West German geologists, a Sudanese colleague and two Egyptian drivers were arrested by Libyan soldiers on March 3 in the Egyptian-Sudanese-Libyan frontier area, the spokesman said. The team members spent a week in prison and were then kept under arrest in Tripoli, the university spokesman added. The West German foreign ministry was in touch with Libyan authorities and seeking their release. The university spokesman said the embassy expects the Libyan government to announce on Sunday whether they will be permitted to leave the country. The scientists have insisted that they were well inside Egyptian territory when they were seized. They were researching a geological map of the area between the Nile River, southern Libya and Chad to help governments plan economic projects, including oil exploration, the university said. Under sponsorship of the West German Research Association, the same group made 10 previous trips to the western Egyptian region for the project and were well-acquainted with boundaries, the spokesman added.

Regional Briefs

MARCH 28 (R)—The Arab League said here it would seek exclusion from International Health Organisation meeting of its retaliation for last year's Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement that Arab delegations to international health meetings should seek to prevent Egyptian participation, and boycott meetings at which Egypt was present. Council said the league, grouping 20 Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), also ordered its central committee to protest to Egypt against the freezing of league funds in banks. Egypt, a founder member of the league and secretary until last year's split over the league's role in retaliation for the organisation's withdrawal its headquarters from Cairo to Tunis. The meeting also called for a special meeting of finance, economic and foreign ministers of Arab countries to consider new response to the normalisation of Egypt's relations with

MARCH 28 (R)—Algerian President Chadli Benjedid in South Yemen today from Saudi Arabia. He was met by Yemeni President Abdul Fattah Ismail and Prime Minister Ali Abdullah Muhammad. The two presidents were expected to talk later tonight. President Benjedid is on a tour of Arab capitals which has already taken him to Damascus, Baghdad and Riyadh.

AN, March 28 (R)—A bomb exploded in the southwestern port city of Khormashahr yesterday, injuring nine people, official Pars News Agency reported today. Pars said the bomb which went off in the main shopping centre, destroyed one and caused minor damage to nearby buildings. Khormashahr, the biggest port in Iran, is situated in the oil-rich province of Khuzestan and is mainly populated by members of Arab ethnic minority.

AIN, March 28 (R)—Saudi Arabia's Industrial Development Bank granted loans totalling \$5.5 billion (\$1.6 billion) to projects between 1974 and 1979, according to the fund's report published today. The report said 3.4 billion riyals of the fund had so far been paid over. The report said the fund had special problems of industrial development because the vast Saudi Arabia's oil revenues in recent years had created demand for manufactured goods. The fund had tried to invest in the private industrial sector. The fund saw several large areas for activity next year, especially in agricultural and food products and in the chemical and industries. The fund estimated that when all the industrial projects it had financed reached full production, they would add 10 billion riyals to Saudi Arabia's gross domestic product (GDP). The report said the fund was willing to support projects with participation although it gave preference to projects in Saudi Arabia totalling 1.6 billion riyals to 110 joint Saudi-foreign projects, it added.

VIV, March 28 (R)—Israeli police said today they had up a multi-million dollar business in illegally recorded tapes. A police spokesman said more than two dozen people arrested yesterday and hundreds of cassettes of films, television shows and other entertainment programmes confiscated. Cassettes included pirated versions of current films as well as a biographical film "Deep Throat". An agent of the American Producers Association, who alerted police to the Israeli operation, said similar gangs had been arrested recently in Britain, Netherlands and other countries.

ION, March 28 (R)—British Foreign Minister Sir Ian Smith will visit Cyprus from April 19 to 23 for talks with Greek Cypriot and other leading Cypriots, the foreign minister announced today. "Sir Ian looks forward to seeing the people on the ground and to gaining a more direct understanding of the complexities of the Cyprus problem," he said.



Egyptian President Anwar Sadat (right) and United States Middle East Envoy Sol Linowitz embrace at the end of their meeting in Cairo Friday, during which Mr. Linowitz briefed the president on the results of the autonomy talks held Thursday in Alexandria. (AP wirephoto)

Thatcher confident of end to EEC payments dispute

LONDON, March 28 (Agencies)—Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today said she was more confident of solving the quarrel over Britain's Common Market payments after talks today with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. "I believe much more now that a solution is genuinely possible," she told a press conference. The two leaders met for two hours to discuss Britain's demand for a huge reduction in its contribution to Common Market finances and other community problems. Britain is estimated to make a net contribution of one billion sterling (\$2.2 billion) to the community budget in 1980. Mrs. Thatcher has talked of withholding value added tax (VAT) payments to the budget if the controversy over Britain's overall contribution is not satisfactorily resolved. At the joint press conference with Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Schmidt said a solution lay in a package deal covering disputes over fisheries, British lamb exports to France and joint energy policy. The talks were taking place at

Tunisian guerrillas threaten reprisals against government

BEIRUT, March 28 (R)—A Tunisian guerrilla group today threatened reprisals if death sentences were carried out on 15 people convicted yesterday in Tunis of taking part in an anti-government commando attack. In a telephone statement to the Beirut bureau of Reuters, a caller claiming to speak for the "Tunisian Liberation Front" said Tunisian government buildings and embassies would be attacked if the 15 were executed. The 15 were sentenced to death for taking part in a guerrilla attack in January on the southern Tunisian mining town of Gafsa in which 48 people died and more than 100 were wounded. Tunisia blamed the Libyans for being behind the attack and said it was part of moves to overthrow the government of President Habib Bourguiba. Tripoli denied the charge. The statement said that French interests in the Arab World and in France also would be hit. It called for the resignation of the 76-year-old president and for free elections. France supplied military equipment to Tunisia following the guerrilla attack.

Pan-Arab Popular Conference adopts anti-Egyptian, anti-American resolution

BAGHDAD, March 28 (AP)—The Iraqi-sponsored pan-Arab Popular Conference ended its four-day meeting here today with a strongly anti-Egyptian and anti-American 12-point resolution. The conference, attended by representatives of radical movements from most Arab states, also called for the nationalisation of Arab resources, particularly oil, and the withdrawal of Arab deposits from foreign banks. Mr. Abdul Majid Farid, the representative of the Egyptian National Movement, announced the 12-point resolution adopted by the conference to a mass rally here that Baghdad Radio said was attended by half a million people. Mr. Farid said the conference approved the 8-point pan-Arab "national charter" enunciated by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein earlier this year, using it as a basis for its own 12-point resolution. The conference resolution called for an intensification of the Arab boycott of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat "who is a traitor to his country," and continuing support for the Egyptian National Movement "to confront Sadat's terror against the people of Egypt." It said the security of the Arab region and world peace were endangered by "the complicated situation as international conflict intensifies." It then charged that "imperialist and Zionist" circles exploit developments stemming from the holding of the American hostages

in the U.S. embassy in Tehran and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan as a new excuse to move atomic fleets into the Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea and the Arab Gulf. The resolution added that "imperialist-Zionist circles threaten to occupy the oilfields of the region with a special military force, in order to force the Gulf states to accept the establishment of military bases. Income from Arab natural resources, that should be nationalised and Arab deposits, that should be withdrawn from foreign banks, should be utilised for the Arab struggle, the resolution said. "The problem of Palestine continues to be the central problem for the Arab Nation," the resolution continued, stressing that "the Palestine Liberation Organisation is the only legal representative of the people of Palestine." It also expressed support for the Lebanese people "in confronting imperialist and Zionist plots against Lebanese unity and territory, as well as support for the unity between the Lebanese National Movement and the Palestinian revolution." The resolution further expressed support for the Liberation Movement of Oman and the Sudanese National Movement, calling for the "uncovering of the imperialist-Zionist role of Sadat and his troops in these two countries."

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Blown away

HOW MANY more fruitless meetings will it require for Egypt, Israel and the United States to recognise the total futility of their attempt to impose "autonomy" on the Palestinians?

Of course it is not because of Palestinian -- or even broader Arab -- objections to the idea that the autonomy talks are breaking down. The three parties seem determined to ignore the protestations of the people whose fate they are supposedly deciding. That is not new. Issues striking at the core of the entire Palestine question, and thus intrinsically linked to the "autonomy" proposals -- issues such as Jerusalem and Jewish settlements -- have not even been talked about at these latest inconclusive Egyptian-Israeli-U.S. get-togethers.

Rather, it is procedural issues and extraneous matters which seem to be pre-occupying the hapless negotiators. They are not quite still at the stage of arguing about the shape of the bargaining table, but little beyond that; and Israel, playing its traditional spoiler's role, is interposing the broad issue of its "security" requirements into the autonomy negotiations.

This is hardly surprising, since, from the outset, the Camp David process has been regarded by Israel solely as a device by which to legalise and even strengthen its physical and military presence in the occupied Arab territories. All other matters are incidental to that. America and Egypt can hardly profess surprise at that fact at this stage.

Beyond that, as far as the Palestinians can be expected to interpret these things, Egypt has neither the mandate nor the pressing need to resolve the Palestinian issue for the sake of its own interests -- as the breakneck speed of its normalisation of relations with the Israeli occupiers clearly demonstrates; and as for the United States, its principal concern now is to secure an agreement -- any agreement -- in time for it to enhance President Carter's re-election prospects.

It seems likely, therefore, that Mr. Carter will call another Begin-Sadat summit sometime soon for the benefit of the television cameras and newspapers which seem to have taken over the American electoral process. The three leaders will emerge all smiles at the end of that summit with "an agreement."

In the meantime, however, they will almost certainly be overtaken by the mounting international pressure for real recognition of the right of the Palestinians to their own state in their own homeland: that is the way the winds of world diplomacy are blowing. They are certain to blow away any delicate model of "autonomy" which Mr. Carter, Mr. Begin and Mr. Sadat may manage to construct.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The Arab League Council decided at its latest session to revive the Arab-African dialogue. A special ad hoc committee will be meeting soon to prepare for the forthcoming Arab-African summit.

Coordination between African and Arab states is a natural and essential step in view of the Zionist challenges and expansionist designs facing them both, particularly in the economic sphere.

The Israelis, who have lost their good relations with the African states, are now desperately trying to re-establish links with Africa, having succeeded in concluding the Camp David agreements with Egypt.

Therefore, the Arabs are called on to hold a speedy dialogue with the Africans with a view to foiling Zionist attempts in this direction. Arab-African solidarity is indispensable for both sides, as it gives them both the strength and ability to resist Israel's expansionist designs and promotes security, stability and progress in Africa and the Arab World.

AL DUSTOUR: The U.S. Middle East envoy, Mr. Sol Linowitz, put pressure on Egypt and Israel during the latest round of autonomy talks in Alexandria in order to break the deadlock. He did so for fear that failure would mean inviting a European initiative to solve the Middle East dispute.

Now the deadlock continues, President Carter's invitation to Mr. Begin and President Sadat to visit Washington next month for talks only reinforces predictions of failure.

It seems impossible at the moment for anyone to force Israel to stop establishing settlements in the occupied Arab territories. Therefore the autonomy talks, whether held in Alexandria or Washington, are bound to fail unless Israel has its way and its conditions are met. Even President Carter is not expected to pressure Israel into accepting a compromise to settle the outstanding issues in the autonomy negotiations with Egypt. This is because Mr. Carter badly needs the Jewish vote in the coming presidential elections. The only reason for calling the leaders of Egypt and Israel to Washington seems to be to stage a theatrical performance intended to boost Mr. Carter's position in the forthcoming elections.

The Arab states which have rightly predicted that the Camp David accords will end in failure, should now take the initiative and enlist Europe's aid to impose a comprehensive peaceful settlement on the region.

Archaeology research centre, data bank mooted at Oxford

By Steven Ross

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

OXFORD, March 28 -- Archaeologists are, by their very nature, usually more concerned with what has happened in the past than with problems of today. But last night the scholars who convened here for the Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan divided into national caucuses to consider what is in fact quite a pressing question: How can Jordan and the Middle East handle the great mass of information about the past that continues to be unearthed?

The historians and archaeologists were responding to the call of His Highness Crown Prince Has-

san for a council or centre for Jordanian archaeology, to promote cooperation on, and properly to organise, archaeology in the country -- and perhaps in the Middle East as a whole.

Because one of the main objectives of this entity would be to help the archaeologists of different nationalities operating in Jordan now to cooperate and reduce duplication of effort, the scholars met first with others of their own nationality to elect a representative to an ad hoc committee that would present recommendations to Prince Hassan.

The shape and structure of the body which will result from these consultations is, of course, not yet known, but among the many suggestions brought up last night were: a new research centre to be

used by all the different nationalities operating in Jordan, so they might pool their resources; an advisory council to help the Department of Antiquities with its present task of overseeing historical work; and one suggestion that contrasts with the old world air of this conference's setting and the antiquity of the material dealt with: the establishment of a computerised data bank to store information and help reduce duplication.

After a few free hours this morning, the conference picked up again its heavy schedule, turning to the "Iron Age of Jordan." As one participant, though stimulated by the discussions, remarked: "We're only half way through -- I don't know if we'll ever make it back to today."

Sharif Fawwaz appointed ambassador to Washington

AMMAN, March 28 (JT) -- Former minister of culture and youth Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf yesterday was appointed ambassador to the United States.



Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf

It was also announced that six other diplomats were appointed to ambassadorial posts. Mr. Saleh Al Share, formerly ambassador to Iran and Morocco, will go to Kuwait. Mr. Muhyeddin Hussein, formerly ambassador to Kuwait will go to Iran. Mr. Zuheir Mufti, a senior Jordanian diplomat, will go to Japan. Mr. Hani Tabbura will go to Romania. Mr. Yassin Stanbouli, formerly charge d'affaires in Algeria and the Soviet Union, will go to Algeria. Mr. Saleh Kaburiti will go to Bahrain.

Five injured in traffic accident

AMMAN, March 28 (JT) -- Five people were injured today when a Mercedes ran into a Volkswagen at the Sports City intersection.

The Mercedes went through a red light and crashed into the Volkswagen, which was headed towards the Ministry of Interior Circle, injuring the passengers of the smaller car. The driver, his wife, their two children and the wife's sister, whose names have not been released, were taken to the Jordan University Hospital. They are said to be in satisfactory condition. According to a police spokesman, the driver of the Mercedes, who also remains unidentified, is thought to have been drunk.

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grounds to believe violations of human rights, torture, murder, enslavement or expropriation of public property had been carried out by or on behalf of the ex-Shah during the period 1953-1979.

If the commission concluded there were grounds for trying the Shah, it would press for the establishment of a "Nuremberg-type" tribunal by the United Nations to put him and his associates on trial, Mr. MacBride wrote.

The commission would also determine whether the ex-Shah's alleged crimes justified the setting up of a congressional enquiry in the United States to investigate the extent of U.S. involvement with the Shah's regime.

One condition set by Mr. MacBride last December was that the American hostages should either be released, or a release date should be set, as soon as the commission started its work.

Ayatollah Khomeini has given Iran's parliament the task of setting the terms for the hostages' freedom and because of delays in the two-round election programme it is not now likely to debate the issue before mid-June.

On the strength of reports so far from Tehran, Hojatoleslam Khamene'i is likely to be among the assembly's 270 deputies.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, March 28 (JT) -- The University of Jordan has decided to open a faculty of pharmacy beginning in the academic year 1980/81. Al Ra'i newspaper reported today. The new faculty will be housed at the medical sciences building which also groups the medical and nursing faculties, university sources said. The university will also open a faculty of dentistry later. Also, the opening of higher studies at the law school has been postponed until the start of the academic year 1981/82. It was originally scheduled to open in 1980/81 but this was not possible because of insufficient staff.

AMMAN, March 28 (JT) -- The total funds invested in new industries in the first quarter of this year reached JD 7.4 million, a spokesman for the Ministry of Industry and Trade said in Al Ra'i newspaper today. He said the money was invested in 31 industries for the manufacture of: agricultural greenhouses, bricks, processed juice, dairy products, cigarettes for export, medical equipment, ready-made clothing, prefabricated building materials, electric wire and plastic pipes.

AMMAN, March 28 (JNA) -- The Director General of the Housing Corporation, Mr. Hamdallah Nabulsi, left for Bahrain today to take part in a seminar on housing problems and population in the Arab world. The seminar opens tomorrow. Housing experts from all Arab states are taking part. The seminar is organised jointly by the Arab planning institute of Kuwait and Qatar's ministries of finance and petroleum, and labour and social affairs. In a departure statement, Mr. Nabulsi said he will present a comprehensive report on the housing policy in Jordan and problems encountered in financing housing projects.

AMMAN, March 28 (JNA) -- The Ministry of Education is preparing to set up summer labour camps for students. A ministry spokesman said the camps will be set up in every governorate and district. Students will be instructed how to maintain school buildings, asphalt school yards and pave roads leading to the schools. He said students of the first and second secondary classes will participate in the camps.

AMMAN, March 28 (JNA) -- The General Union of Voluntary Societies in Jordan donated JD 150,023 to charitable organisations and individuals around the country in the last two years. A union spokesman said the money also benefitted projects launched during International Year of the Child, as well as development projects undertaken by organisations in Jordan. Nearly 151,196 people benefitted from the donations, the spokesman said.

AMMAN, March 28 (JNA) -- A delegation from the migrant workers and refugees committee of the Council of Europe is due in Amman on Sunday for a four-day visit to Jordan. The delegation will meet officials of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) and tour refugee camps, UNRWA vocational training centres and teachers training institutes.

SHUNEH, March 28 (JT) -- An eight-year old boy was run down by a motor vehicle and killed in this Jordan Valley town today. He was taken to the Jordan University Hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibition

The photo and poster exhibition on "Advanced Technology" in France continues at the French Cultural Centre. Open during regular hours.

Documentary Film

Continuing the series of documentaries showing at the French Cultural Centre concurrently with the exhibition on advanced technology, the centre presents the following films on civil engineering starting at 5:30 p.m.: "Ouvrages" and "L'Industrie francaise des materiels de genie civil."

JORDAN HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN JORDAN VALLEY AUTHORITY Announcement

The Jordan Valley Authority requests bids to purchase 6,000 metres of steel well casing. The casing shall be API standard 5A, threaded and coupled, of 13 1/2 inches in diameter and 9 3/4 inches diameter.

Bids will be received until 12:00 noon, local time, on 7 May 1980 at the Jordan Valley Authority, Amman.

Bid documents and casing specifications may be obtained for a non-refundable JD 5 from:

Jordan Valley Authority
Hydrology and
Groundwater Division
Third Circle,
Amman, Jordan.

Dames & Moore
1626 Cole Blvd.

Golden, Colorado
USA

Omar Abdulla
Dukhgan
President

Observers consider steps after Monday Security Council meeting

UNITED NATIONS, March 28 (Agencies) -- As the Security Council prepares to meet on Monday to begin debate on recommendations by the U.N. Palestinian Rights Committee, including a call for Palestinian statehood, senior Palestinian officials are already talking about what steps to take next.

The meeting was requested earlier this week by the 23-nation committee, whose recommendations have been endorsed by the General Assembly annually since 1976 but have not so far been acted on by the Security Council.

The assembly decided last November that if the council failed to take action by the end of this month, the committee should consider alternative options.

This has generally been taken to mean the summoning of an emergency special session of the General Assembly.

The Arab League's U.N. observer, Mr. Clovis Maksoud, confirmed yesterday that the Arab states would request an emergency assembly session if the United States vetoed a Security Council resolution calling for an independent Palestinian state.

He said the Arab states were already weighing a resolution prepared by the Palestinian Rights Committee, the effect of which was to reject the Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel. The resolution would also have the 15-nation council call for self-determination for the Palestinians, and for an independent state, he told journalists.

Mr. Maksoud, a leading Arab journalist before he turned to diplomacy, rejected suggestions that the Arab states were playing into President Carter's hands by paving the way for a U.S. veto, that would improve his standing with American Jews.

He said Arab strategy was unrelated to American domestic political considerations. While the Arabs recognised there was a special relationship between the U.S. and Israel, they did not believe that Israel should direct U.S. policy, he said.

In London, a senior Palestinian leader said yesterday the Mideast peace moves were too wrapped up in American politics for any of them to succeed until after the U.S. presidential election in November.

Mr. Khaled Al Hassan, chairman of the Palestinian National Council's Foreign Affairs Committee, said at a news conference that President Carter had invited Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to talks in Washington for domestic political reasons. The council is the equivalent of a Palestinian parliament in exile.

Mr. Hassan, who is in London at the invitation of the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British

understanding, said President Carter's main priority was re-election, and he wanted the Begin and Sadat meetings because people saw the 1978 Camp David accords as a failure.

The Israeli and Egyptian leaders are to meet separately with Mr. Carter in Washington next month and try to reach some agreement on Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Palestinian leader said that Mr. Begin and Mr. Sadat, after meeting President Carter, may agree to postpone beyond the target of May 26 any agreement on self-rule for the two areas or they may issue a statement praising President Carter as a man of peace.

"Otherwise I doubt that anything positive will emerge from the meetings," he said. Mr. Hassan said also he did not think any European Community resolution on the Mideast would be submitted to the U.N. Security Council until after the American presidential election.

Several Common Market nations recently have given their support to Palestinian self-determination. Mr. Hassan said he hoped a European resolution would call for the Palestinians to return to their homeland, the withdrawal of Israel from lands taken in the 1967 war and, later, a U.N. conference, with Europe, the United States and the Soviet Union attending.

He added he hoped the resolution would stipulate that a new Palestinian state should be sovereign.

But Mr. Hassan said the initiative had to meet U.S. approval in order to avoid a Security Council veto, and he did not think President Carter would coordinate with the West Europeans on the resolution until after the election.

In New York, U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim told a largely Arab audience Wednesday night: "I'm deeply convinced that lasting peace in the Middle East can only be found if we solve the Palestinian issue."

"Only if the resolutions of the United Nations are fully implemented can we have peace," he added. He did not refer to any particular resolution.

Mr. Waldheim spoke at a dinner at a New York hotel marking the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the Arab League.

Mr. Maksoud was the dinner host. He told the 100 or so guests the United Nations "should be strengthened in order for it to become the vehicle through which our aspirations could be achieved."

Earlier, Mr. Maksoud had given an anniversary luncheon for about 50 U.N. correspondents and delegates.

He said the "so called peace treaty between Egypt and Israel" had been presented as "a restraint

on Israel's appetite" but "the restraint, which was advertised developed into a license for Israel to pursue further establishment of new settlements" in occupied Arab territories.

Israeli police arrest 30 Palestinian

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 28 (R) -- Israeli police arrested 30 Palestinian youths broke up an anti-Israeli rally after military authorities bagged Palestinian leaders from joining protest prayer session in occupied West Bank town of Hebron. The rally had been called by the Jews in Hebron.

Police moved in when some people started to shout anti-Israel slogans and cause a disturbance. Sources said.

Some of the 200 people who carried Palestinian flags, placards with inscriptions in large Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territories, and those present were Hebron's Fakh Qawasm.

Earlier, Israeli military authorities, hurried West Mayors and other leaders joining a prayer session at the town's sacred Mosque of Ibrahim in protest against the government's decision on Sadat set up two Jewish institutions town.

After a short sermon, the shippers, led by Mayor Qawasm, marched through the town's ket place.

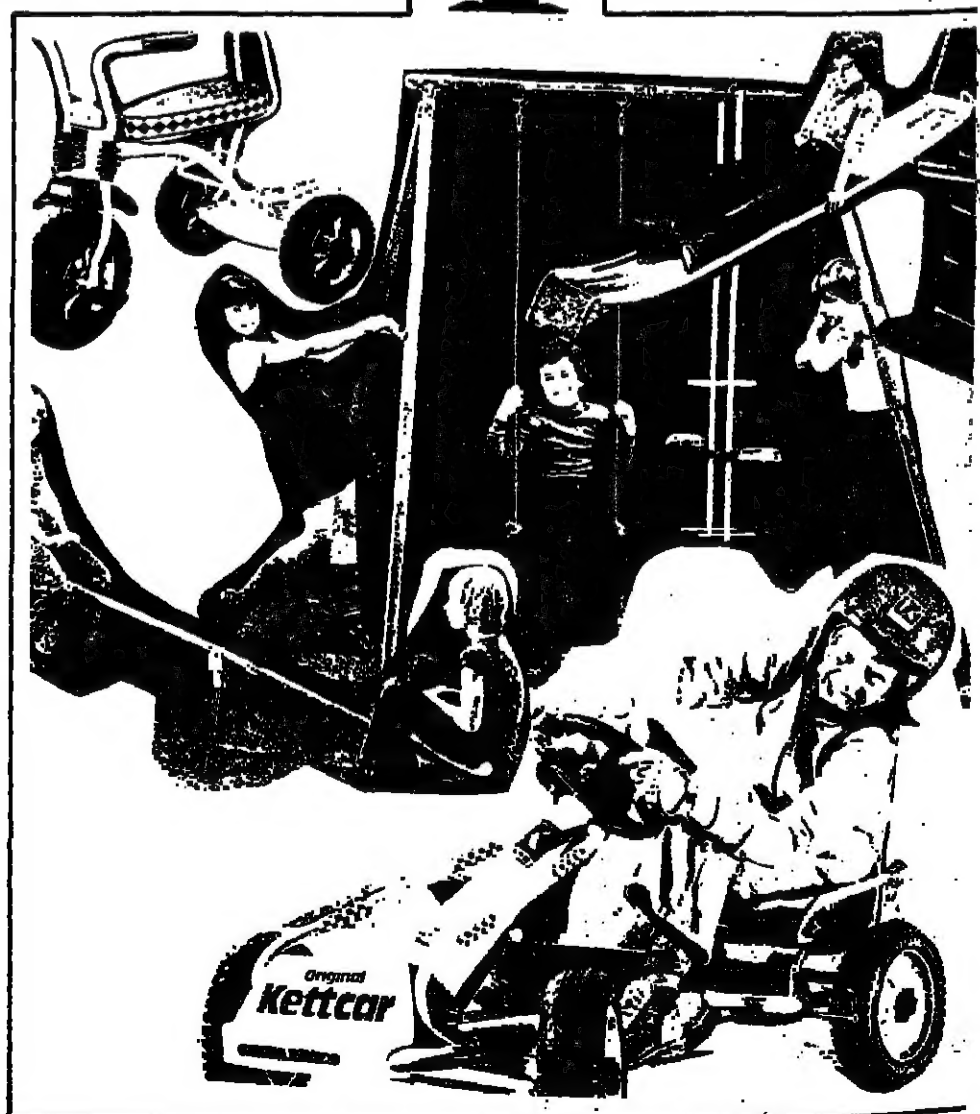
Son of form Hebron may expelled

AMMAN, March 28 (JT) -- The son of the former mayor of Hebron arrived here yesterday being expelled from the West Bank by Israeli authorities.

Mr. Nureddin Al-Jabari, Sheikh Mohammad Ali's son, was released from prison yesterday after serving one year of a 12-year sentence, he was convicted of holding a semi-mand position in the PLO Liberation Organisation during smuggling arms from Lebanon to the occupied West Bank.

Red Cross representatives handed Mr. Jabari over to Hussein authorities at the Hussein Bridge yesterday. His release was approved by Israeli Minister Ezer Weizman in appeals by Mr. Jabari's far his release so he could medical treatment in Jordan.

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Miss Denise Shomali
the Jordan Times

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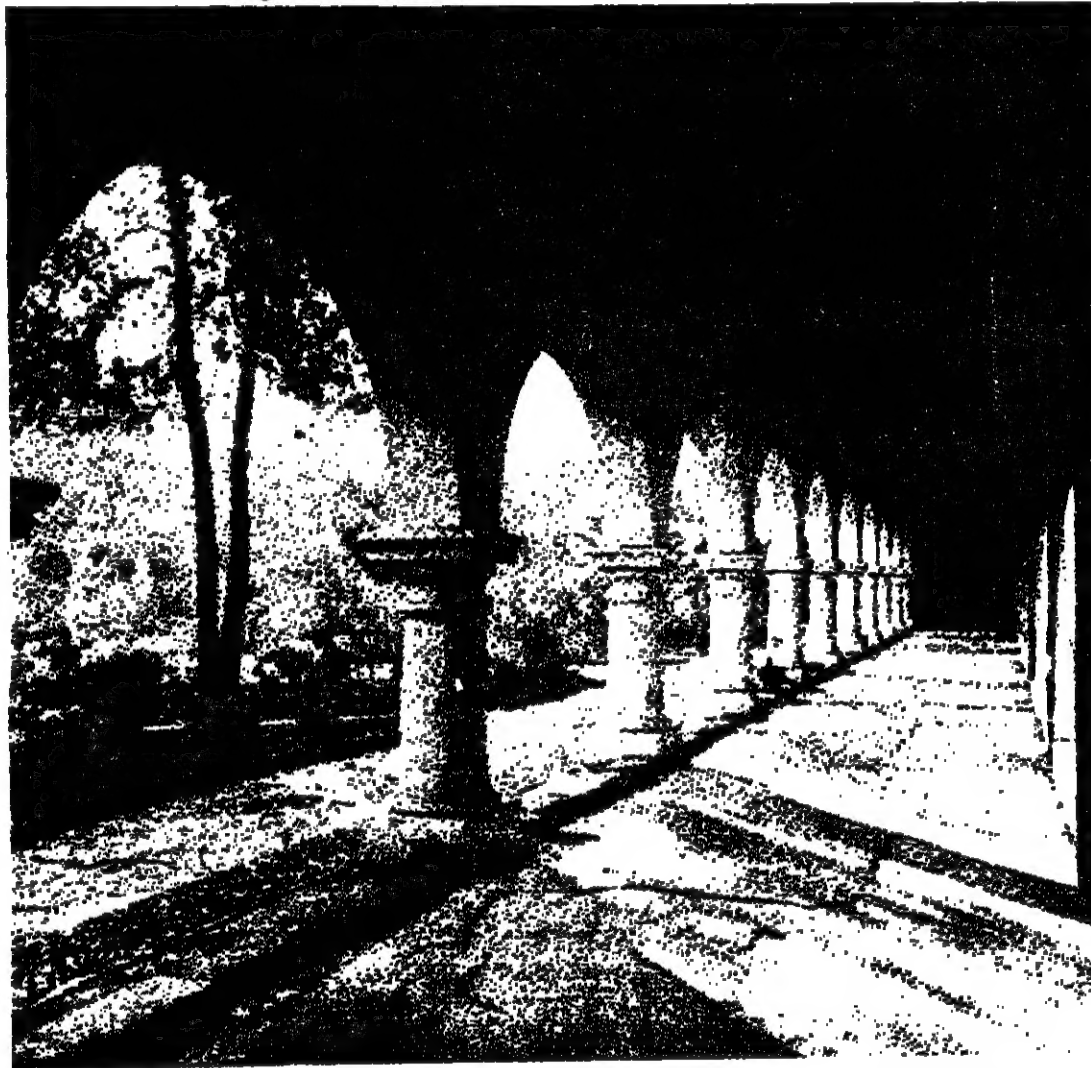
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TODAY'S FATHER

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The Convent of San Francisco in Santiago. Many Arab emigrants to Chile are Christians.

They learnt the language, although their accent remained and is quite noticeable. (Old people pronounce the p as b, and it's the way we are usually imitated when native speakers pick on us). Many anecdotes circulate about the Chileans laughing at the "peasants" - as we are called affectionately - when teaching us their language.

The "Turks" - the name stuck - applied themselves to commerce, a field which everybody associated them with. Since they had made the journey, there was nothing left to do but work hard. With time they developed, amazingly, to the point that some of them became among the most prosperous in the country, like the textile industrialists Hirmas, Sumar and Yaryr.

Later generations joined the universities and are today well-known and respected professionals. They founded Cip-rocha, the Arab-Chilean professional's organisation. Still, a great number of Arabs continue to follow tradition and run shops in the Patronato, Santa Filomena, Recoleta, and Eusebio Lillo streets, known to be the typical Arab commercial zones.

As time passed, they expanded into all areas of human activity, not only the economic, but the social and the political (ex-Senators Causas, Hales; ex-Senators Chelen, Musalem, Noemi, are a few of the well-known names spreading their culture. They founded the "Department of Arab Studies," an affiliate of the University of Chile - where, after a five-year programme of studies one becomes a licentiate in the Arabic language - and institutions such as the Chilean-Hispanic Arab Cultural centres attached to embassies, etc. They will soon provide the Chilean nation with an educational establishment, the Arabic School of Santiago, which promises to be one of the biggest and most important in Latin America. In the literary field brilliant people have figured: Moises Musse and poet Salvador Yanine

are two examples. But the most important thing is that the Arabs in Chile constitute not only a minority group, but a community that is well thought of by the national government and society at large. One reason for this is that they have shaped themselves into a hard-working, amiable people with a high sense of altruism. The country's growth is due in great measure to their investments and contributions, besides the aid they give to social organisations. Some of them: the Syrian Polyclinic; the Arab Union Beneficence; the Arab Fire

Engine; the Palestinian-Chilean Eementine Organisation; the Lebanese-Chilean Ladies' Society; the Spiders; and many others, working anonymously. Their objective is to grant help to schools, soup kitchens, hospitals and hospices. Chileans learned to esteem these foreigners for other reasons as well. Parallels in their national characters: affability, respectfulness, gaiety, open-handedness, enjoyment of the good life and many others, made it possible. They had a common religion too, as most emigrants are of the Chris-



Miss Denise Shomali

tian faith. The immigrants built two Orthodox Churches: Santa Helena and St. Mary, Holy Virgin. Arab customs continue to more or less be followed: the links established for this purpose between them and their motherland keep the traditions alive. The existence of a newspaper specifically designed for the Arab residents deserves a special mention. Founded in 1930 by the late Jorge (George) Sabaj, *The Arab World* is issued bi-monthly and received by Arab-Latin American subscribers.

The Palestinian and Syrian Clubs have also served the cause. The former is the "second of its class in Latin America" according to "Time" magazine. With a membership of 5,000 people, the club has two swimming pools, an artificial waterfall; 16 tennis courts; a football field and athletic yard; basketball and volleyball courts; a playground with a mini-707 Boeing and locomotive; Japanese-designed gardens; plus the building itself (which has a dining room, lounge and dancing rooms, and a Finnish sauna). Organised by a central committee presided over by Mr. Carlos Abumohor, cultural, social and sporting activities are held all year round: films are shown on week-ends; plays are presented by the Ali Baba Drama Group at the Ghassan Kanafani Hall; music is said every Sunday; Arabic, ballet, art classes are offered; the Glee Club and Dabke Dance Group perform; speeches are given and conferences held.

"Oriental" parties, suppers and evenings are also on the programme. There have been important musical events, such as the visit of famous foreign singers, and last year's First Arab Juvenile Singing Contest - in which the tune "Song for Palestine" won the prize - and the visit of a genuine Arab musical group, Walid Tawfic and Cast, last July which met with tremendous success. Not only Arab residents but Chileans too enjoy listening to Arabic music. This is made available by importers of records and cassettes, or at Arab homes where the sound of the *tubleh* produces improvised parties.

All kinds of sports: karate, gymnastics, ping-pong, dominoes, chess and bridge are played, with the guidance of trainers. Several sportsmen have figured in championships and earned international ranking: Miguel Angel Zerene and Victor Yazigi in skeet, Leyla Musalem in tennis, Claudia Aguad in swimming, Pilar Yaryr in gymnastics, etc. An Arab football team has a great many fans: "Palestino" (football club) was 1978's national tournament winner; it

became very popular among the people. Chilean-Arabs belong to the Arab National Union (UNA) the aim of which is to strengthen Arab unity.

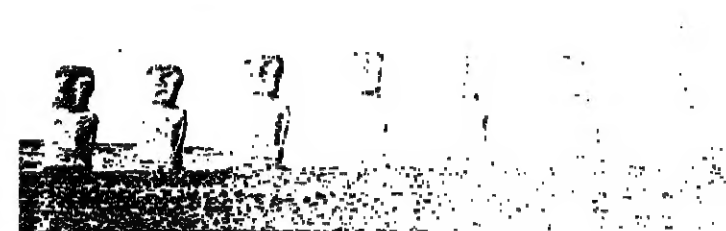
American-Arabs belong to a wider organisation: FEArab (the Federation of Arab Entities), an international organisation created to represent the Arab peoples and countries. FEArab-America is directed by an executive committee, now headed by Victor Anania (Chile), which deals with following up programmes formulated by FEArab. Affiliates in different countries work through various commissions which deal with specific plans to be carried out in such areas as justice, economic, financial, educational, cultural, tourist and sporting affairs, broadcasting and documentation.

FEArab's Fourth Pan-American Congress was held in Venezuela, last year. The participants dealt with such subjects as: Oil and the Third World; Arab Culture and its Influence over the West; The Palestinian Cause and The Arabs in America. FEArab's major concern is a plan for Arab-American economic integration and complementarity, and the establishment of Arabic schools.

Arabs have not only got accustomed, but become very fond of their adopted land. Because they did not keep apart - as foreign communities tend to do - but intermingled, they have become



Easter Island lies off the coast of Chile.



part of the country. Arabs married Chileans and raised their children as Chilean citizens. This is why Arab descendants, and native-born Chileans consider themselves Americans; they acquired western ways since they were brought up in America. In spite of this, they vibrate with news from the old country and welcome guests from the "old places". The 90,000 Palestinians haven't forgotten their origins. What would you say if you had a chance to watch them gather around a table, sip tea, and play "tawleh", their only kilometres away from home?

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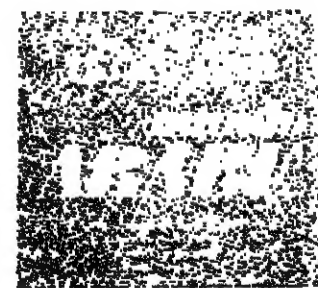
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La Palestina es un país de gran importancia en el mundo. Su historia y su cultura son un legado invaluable para la humanidad. Los palestinos han sufrido muchas injusticias y torturas a lo largo de su historia. Es importante que la comunidad internacional se conciencie sobre su situación y les brinde el apoyo necesario para lograr su libertad y su derecho a la autodeterminación.

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'Monetarism' angers U.K. unions

LONDON, March 28 (R) -- Britain is now firmly set on a course which could show the world whether "monetarism", the new face of Conservative economic policy, can rescue a declining industrial society.

For the next four years, if Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government sticks to its plans revealed this week, public spending and the money supply -- the total of cash and bank balances in the economy -- will be squeezed and squeezed.

If they work, the old decaying industries will be weeded out and workers will have to curb their wage demands as they adapt to a more ruthless economic climate. Inflation will come down. New enterprises will spring up, many of them small businesses, and the country will begin to prosper again.

If they fail, the harsh laissez-faire winds will kill struggling industries, unemployment will become intolerable, suffering will increase and British society could be plunged into chronic recession and bitter class conflict.

The new course is the main single factor which emerges from a study of a complex budget which took Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe two hours to outline to parliament on Wednesday.

It was a very different budget from the Conservatives' first one, last June, after they had swept to power in a general election the previous month, promising to end Britain's postwar economic decline.

Sir Geoffrey handed out substantial income tax relief but at the same time increased consumer

prices by almost doubling purchase taxes. The government said more tax relief would follow later, in keeping with its philosophy of encouraging harder work and enterprise.

But the economy has darkened in the meantime. Inflation has risen to 19.1 per cent annually, unemployment has steadily increased to top 1.4 million and industrial output has stagnated. Sir Geoffrey had to give parliament on Wednesday the gloomy prediction that Britain's output this year would fall by as much as 2.5 per cent.

The government, despite higher and higher interest rates, has been unable to stop bank lending and an increase in the money supply, a key cause of inflation. In this situation, Sir Geoffrey was unable to continue tax relief on any significant scale. His budget eased some taxation categories but experts feel the net result will in fact be a slight overall increase in the real burden of income tax.

The budget heavily underlined the government's commitment to the idea of monetarism, the idea that money must be kept in controlled supply and public spending slashed. Sir Geoffrey outlined a four-year plan to cut government spending. By 1984, he said, state expenditure should have dropped to four per cent below the current annual £70 billion (\$155 billion) level. Schooling, housing and overseas aid will be progressively cut but spending on defence and the police will rise.

First reaction to the budget in business circles was favourable. Many welcomed what they said was a coherent, long-term plan to revive the faltering economy. But

prices by almost doubling purchase taxes. The government said more tax relief would follow later, in keeping with its philosophy of encouraging harder work and enterprise.



Mrs. Margaret Thatcher forces opposing monetarism have been gathering in Britain recently. They include a group of distinguished economists as well as trade unionists and leftwingers in the opposition Labour Party.

Their argument is that British industry needs some protection in its present state. They advocate selected import controls and more direct government investment, with more public money being channelled into needy industries with potential.

They call for the government to switch and return to policies similar to those of the previous Labour administration in which attempts were made to persuade or pressure employers and unions to accept limits on price and wage increases.

Open opposition to the prime minister has been launched by the trade unions. They denounced Sir Geoffrey's budget and plan a public campaign to force a change in policy. The budget angered the powerful 12-million member trade union movement, for Sir Geoffrey clamped on measures to restrict welfare benefits paid to the families of workers who go on strike.

U.S. prime rate at 19.5%

NEW YORK, March 28 (R) -- Two major U.S. banks today raised their prime rate, the interest banks charge their best corporate customers, to a record 19.5 per cent, from 19 per cent. Chemical Bank and Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago boosted the prime rate to the new level, surpassing a 19 1/4 per cent prime rate set by Citibank and others earlier today.

The moves came after three increases last week in the prime rate, hitting 19 per cent last Tuesday. The latest increases were not unexpected. Banking sources predicted the prime rate would probably continue climbing to the 20 per cent level.

The increase will mean higher borrowing costs for the nation's corporations as other interest rates are tied to prime.

U.S. has record trade gap

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP) -- The United States had a record trade deficit of \$5.6 billion in February, the result of the highest bill ever for imported crude oil and other petroleum products. The deficit was up from \$4.8 billion in January and exceeded the previous high of \$5.2 billion in February 1978.

The Commerce Department said yesterday that total imports in February increased in value by 3.2 per cent to \$22.8 billion, while exports declined 0.7 per cent to \$17.2 billion. The cost of imported crude oil and petroleum products increased 18.2 per cent to a record \$7.7 billion last month after declining slightly in January.

Mr. David Lund, a commerce department analyst, said "I can't remember a one-month increase like that except maybe during the original oil embargo" by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in 1974. Mr. Lund said the decline in exports was partly due to a \$123 million drop in gold sales during February, to a total of \$163 million.

Total crude oil and oil product imports in February were 256.8 million barrels, up 4.2 per cent from January and 8 per cent over a year earlier.

But Commerce Secretary Philip Klutznick said the department expects average oil imports in 1980 to be lower than the February total "because storage tanks are now full and consumption has declined through nationwide conservation efforts."

The nation's oil import bill of \$7.7 billion in February was more than double the \$3.5 billion cost in February of 1979. The price per barrel averaged \$29.80 in February, compared with \$14.80 in February of last year.

Metal markets jittery

LONDON, March 28 (R) -- Gold and silver markets were highly nervous today after the collapse of the silver price amid panicky scenes in New York last night, and London bullion dealers said they could see no sign of pressures easing.

Gold and silver prices improved in Europe today but market analysts agreed that precious metals are being hard hit as major governments press ahead with determined anti-inflation policies.

A key part of these policies are higher interest rates which make borrowing more expensive but give a good return to investors, therefore tending to pull money away from metal and into major paper currencies.

Silver, however, is the latest main victim of the new strength of paper money.

Japan jobless drops

TOKYO, March 28 (AP) -- Japan's jobless in February totalled 1.11 million, down from 1.13 million in January and 1.21 million in the corresponding month a year ago, the prime minister's office announced today.

An official said one of the main reasons for the decrease is a steady gain in the number of employees in manufacturing. Employment in that industry gained about 440,000 persons over the previous year with a total of 11.32 million persons employed in manufacturing at the end of February.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, March 28 (R) -- Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.1710/25	U.S. dollar	U.S. cents
One Canadian dollar	84.33/36	West German mark	
One U.S. dollar	1.9280/90	Dutch guilders	
	2.1050/70	Swiss francs	
	1.8220/40	Belgian francs	
	30.96/31.00	French francs	
	4.4390/4440	Italian lire	
	892.00/893.00	Japanese yen	
	249.55/70	Swedish crowns	
	4.4550/70	Norwegian crowns	
	5.1470/90	Danish crowns	
	5.9890/9915	U.S. dollars	
One ounce of gold	480.00/487.00		

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, March 28 -- The market closed mixed, overshadowed by anxiety over U.S. silver contract problems, dealers said. A 1500 the FT index was down 1.8 at 421.3.

Gold shares ended up to \$1 1/4 on either side of overnight levels. Government bonds showed closing falls ranging to 1/2 point and speculation of higher U.S. prime rates. Oils were mixed after early strength while banks also pared opening gains. Industrials ended as much as 8p lower while U.S. and Canadian stocks finished mixed.

BP and Ultramar added 8p and 4p respectively but Burmah 1/2p and Lusho 5p. Petrofina closed 1/2p lower after the oil it disaster in the Ekofisk field in which it has a 30 pct holding. Guthrie Corp. ended 4 1/2p stronger on continuing speculation that Sims Darby will make a fresh offer. Godfrey Davis closed unchanged at 168 after resuming trading following bid detail from Europcar.

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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An excellent day to go in outside activities with congenials. Let those of you are fond know of your devotion to them. **IES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study your surroundings, make plans for improvement. Try to be less critical of s. Use tact in dealing with others. **URUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can accomplish a deal today if you apply yourself in the right manner. no chances with your reputation now. **MINI** (May 21 to June 21) You may think you are ed down with family woes, but thank your lucky instead. Be wise in dealing with others. **ION CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) Make sure you promises to others and gain their respect. Redouble efforts in going after a cherished aim. **O** (July 22 to Aug. 21) Handle those duties that are tant to your future. An adviser suggests something is nerve-racking but brings good results. **RG** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Ideal day to be in the com of persons you like. Be aware of one who is jealous of Show others you have wisdom. **BRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) Use common sense in ling a business problem and get good results. Accept an invitation in the evening is wise. **ORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A good time to improve ions with family members. Make sure you are not too ivagant with money today. **GITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Employ tact and macy in dealing with others today and establish good ort. Take needed health treatments. **PRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Show a more wide attitude toward others and gain their respect. r increased devotion to the one you love. **QUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Listen more closely to family members have to say so that you know better is expected of you. **SCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Study your personal faults take steps to improve them. Keep an eye peeled for rtunities coming your way.

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Basketball roundup

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP)—With Bill Walton on the sidelines — as he has been for most of the season — because of recurring problems with his injured foot, the San Diego Clippers were eliminated from contention for the National Basketball Association playoffs last night. Fittingly, they were eliminated by none other than the team Walton left behind, the Portland Trail Blazers, who assured themselves of the sixth and final Western Conference playoff berth by beating the Clippers 99-93.

Kermit Washington, the all-star power forward who went from San Diego to Portland along with reserve centre Kevin Kunnert, two first-round draft picks and \$350,000 as compensation for the loss of Walton, hit a short jumper with 34 seconds left to give Portland a 92-91 lead.

Bingo Smith put the Clippers back on top with a 15-foot jumper with 21 seconds to go, but rookie forward Calvin Natt hit two free throws for Portland with nine seconds left, then added two more to clinch the victory after Marvin Barnes had missed a shot for San Diego.

The Clippers rallied from a 90-81 deficit in the final three minutes to take the lead from Portland but could not hang on. Tom Owens led the Blazers with 18 points, while Sven Nater — Walton's replacement at centre — paced the Clippers with 24 points and 19 rebounds.

Meanwhile, two playoff berths remain open in the Eastern Conference. New York could have clinched one yesterday, but the Knicks dropped a 103-101 decision to the Philadelphia 76ers. The Washington Bullets, another contender, also lost, 118-111 to the Cleveland Cavaliers.

In other NBA games yesterday night, the Milwaukee Bucks clobbered the Denver Nuggets 143-95, the Atlanta Hawks beat the New Jersey Nets 117-100 and the Los Angeles Lakers trimmed the Utah Jazz 97-95.

76ers 103, Knicks 101: Julius Erving, who scored 24 points, picked off an inbound pass and raced the length of the court for driving layup with one second to play to give Philadelphia its victory. By winning, Philadelphia kept its hopes alive for capturing the Atlantic Division title. The Sixers are 58-22 and trail first-place Boston, 60-22, by two games with two to play.

Cavs 118, Bullets 111: Cleveland built a 22-point lead in the

second quarter and then held off a Washington rally to post its ninth victory in the last 10 starts. The Bullets scored 16 consecutive points and closed to within six in the final minute but couldn't make it all the way back. Dave Robisch scored 26 points. Mike Mitchell added 23 and Fouts Walker 20 for the Cavs, while Wes Unseld led Washington with 22.

Bucks 143, Nuggets 95: Milwaukee posted its eighth victory in nine games behind a pro-high 30 points by rookie Pat Mings. The Bucks, 19-5 since acquiring centre Bob Lanier from Detroit, opened a 30-point lead in the second period en route to their highest scoring game of the season.

Hawks 117, Nets 100: Atlanta led all the way in posting its 50th triumph of the season behind 30 points by John Drew and 21 by Charlie Criss. Mike Newlin, New Jersey's leading scorer all-season, was held to two points.

Lakers 97, Jazz 95: Jamaal Wilkes took a pass from Norm Nixon and hit a jumper from the left corner at the buzzer to give Los Angeles the win. Utah's Mack Calvin had tied the game 95-95 when he hit a three-point field goal with 14 seconds remaining.

Injuries mark England's steeplechase

LIVERPOOL, England, March 28 (R)—Two horses had to be destroyed and three amateur jockeys were injured in the opening races of the three-day steeplechase race meeting here yesterday, the climax of which is Saturday's Grand National.

Blue Chrome, number 13 on the card of the Topham trophy, was put down after breaking a shoulder at the huge chair fence, which will be used in the Grand National.

Raleghstown was also destroyed after badly cutting a leg over the easier jumps of the midway course in the following race. Jockey Rosemary White suffered head injuries after King Kong II threw her in a hunter's chase. She regained consciousness in hospital suffering from concussion.

In the same race jockey Brian Eckley suffered a suspected broken collar bone while Jim Walton injured a wrist and knee in another event.

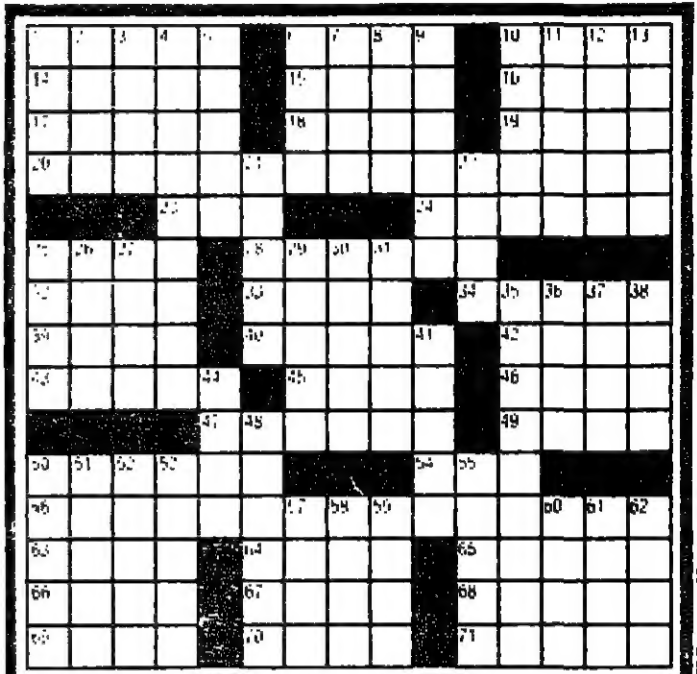
The Grand National course has a history of tragedy and last year's race was marred by the death of 6-1 favourite Alverton who broke his neck at the feared Becher's Brook.

THE Daily Crossword by Vincent L. Osborne

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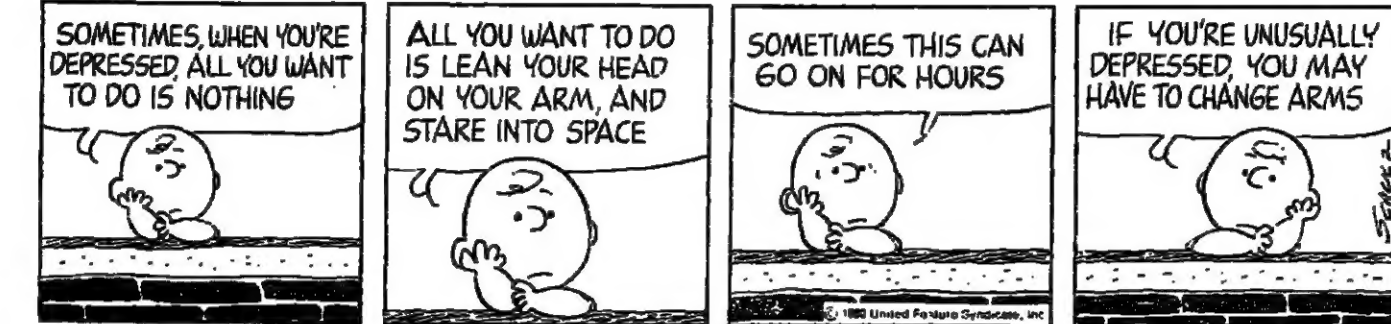
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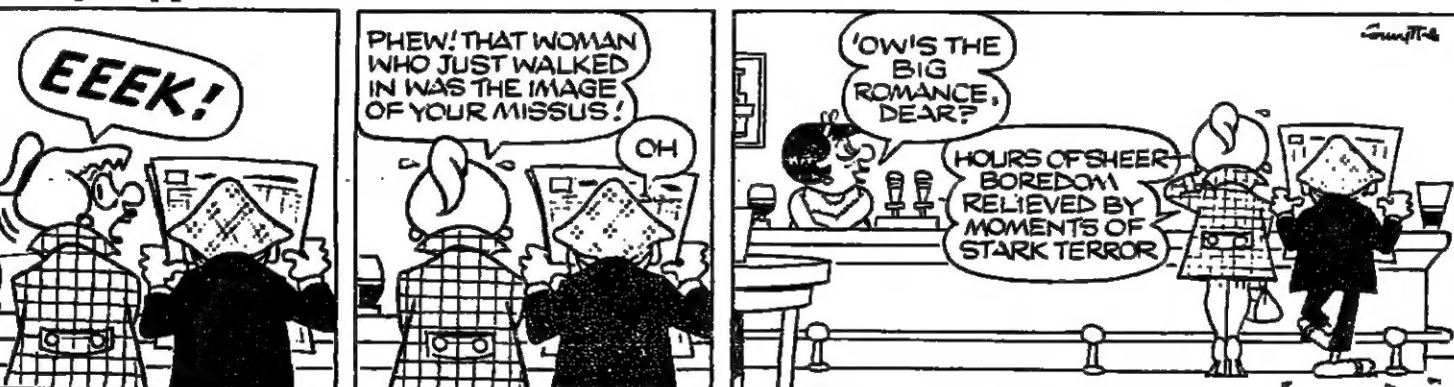


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CHANNEL 6

6:30 French programme	7:00 News in French	7:30 News in Hebrew	7:45 Seventh sense and rip on health	8:30 Comedy	9:10 Horrors	10:00 News in English	10:15 Dallas	11:10 News in Arabic	11:20 Blaxy
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RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign off	7:05 Morning Show	7:30 New Bulletin	7:40 Morning Show	10:00 New Summary	10:30 Jordan in History	11:00 Sign off	12:00 News Headlines	12:30 Radiotheatre	13:00 News Summary	13:30 Radiotheatre	14:00 News Bulletin	14:10 Music	14:30 Jordan Weekly	15:00 Concert Hour	16:00 News Summary	16:30 Easy Listening	16:30 Old Favourites	17:00 International Top Twenty	18:00 News Summary	18:30 First Step	19:00 News Bulletin	19:10 Music	19:30 Sign off
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AMMAN AIRPORT

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BBC RADIO

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06:00 News	06:30 The March of the Women	06:45 Financial News: Reflections	07:00 News: Pre-view	07:15 About Britain	07:30 The Grand National Preview	07:45 The World Today	08:00 News	08:15 Music	08:30 Command Performance	08:45 News: New about Britain	09:15 From the Weeklies	09:30 Music from Scotland	09:45 Network UK	10:00 News: Reflections	10:15 News: Pre-view	10:30 The World Today	10:45 Financial News: Look Ahead	11:00 Science in Action	11:15 The Grand National Preview	11:30 Mithras on Music	11:45 News: New about Britain	12:15 News: The Week in Wales	12:30 The Pope and the World	12:45 Jazz for the Aspiring	13:00 Sports Round-up	13:15 News: Commentaries	13:30 The March of the Women	13:45 Network UK	14:05 Encounter with Annual	14:20 Sunday Spec	14:30 Radio Newscast	14:45 Sunday Special	15:00 News: Commentaries
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VOICE OF AMERICA

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Ambulance (government)	90	Chamber of Commerce	118-139	Electric Power Co. (trapped)	223-087	Fire headquarters	97	Information	6597	Municipal water service	113-000
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by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee



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(Answers tomorrow)

Jumbles: FOYER AWFUL ITALIC PLUNGE
Answer: Guys with money to burn sometimes end up doing this—PLAYING WITH FIRE

81 oil rig workers dead or missing Huge rescue operation underway in North Sea

OSLO, March 28 (AP) — A total of 81 men were reported dead or missing today after an offshore oil rig the size of a football field turned upside down during a storm in the worst disaster in the history of the North Sea oilfields.

The biggest rescue operation since World War II was underway, officials said, with diving teams, six helicopters and 24 ships plucking survivors from the freezing waters or recovering bodies. All that could be seen of the huge platform was its four legs sticking up in the air, the rest of it submerged underwater.

Most of the estimated 230 rig workers aboard the Alexander Kielland rig leased by Phillips Petroleum of Norway were working, sleeping in the "floating hotel" or watching a movie when the rig capsized. "There was an almighty crack then chaos," said British rig worker Tony Sylvester, who was briefly trapped in the cinema.

The latest figures from the Norwegian rescue centre at the coastal port of Stavanger was 53 missing, 28 bodies recovered and a total 149 workers rescued.

In London, the British Foreign Office said among those aboard the platform were 170 Norwegians, 35 Britons, three Finns, one Spaniard and one Portuguese. There were no Americans

reported on board, the Foreign Office said, although many U.S. national work in the North Sea fields.

Phillips spokesman Per Bjorklund said a huge wave collapsed one of the pentagon-shaped rig's five steel legs, overturning it in 72 metres of water 160 kilometres west of Norway in the Edda oil field.

An investigation was ordered into how this could happen to a rig built to withstand the roughest weather conditions. One theory put forward by oil experts was that an anchor chain broke on the stricken platform when the storm's high winds and six-metre waves, hit the rig, the British press said.

One British Government specialist told the London Evening News that sea water seeped into a crack in one of the buoyancy tanks and may have upset the rig's stability.

A Norwegian rig captain who left the Alexander Kielland just hours before the disaster, said he "couldn't believe" it had capsized.

"Such platforms will withstand all kinds of weather," he said.

In Paris, the French firm that built the platform, Compagnie Francaise d'Enterprises Metalliques, said 11 identical rigs are in operation throughout the world and are "renowned for their stability."

The Norwegian Government declined to say if the accident could affect offshore oil drilling on the rich Norwegian continental shelf.

In London, British Energy Secretary David Howell told the House of Commons: "What has happened now is a sombre warning of the appallingly dangerous conditions under which people work in the North Sea." Mr. Howell said the British and Norwegian governments would re-examine laws on North Sea oil safety.

Many of the missing workers were feared trapped in the overturned rig, particularly inside the movie theatre. Only those who managed to reach air pockets might still be alive.

The joint British-Norwegian rescue operation began last night, but ships, planes, divers and helicopters were thwarted by high winds, gusting up to 130 kilometres per hour during the night. "I would say the conditions were virtually the worst we have been in," said Royal Air Force Flight Lieutenant Jim Bellinghoff.

Divers were prepared to go down 27 metres to cut into the submerged section of the rig in hopes there might be survivors in the capsized floating hotel. "If we can get alongside there is a reasonable chance for those inside," said British diver Fraser Riley. "You hear cases of people surviving in these situations for up to two days even."

"We don't want to raise anyone's hopes but there is just a chance that we will find someone alive in there," said Mr. Sto Laerdal, a spokesman for Phillips Petroleum.

Italian financier convicted of biggest-ever U.S. bank fraud

NEW YORK, March 28 (R) — A federal court has convicted an Italian multi-millionaire financier of the biggest banking fraud in American history.

Mr. Michele Sindona, a 59-year-old Sicilian-born banker, was found guilty yesterday on 63 counts of conspiracy, perjury and fraud. He is also wanted by Italian authorities on charges of misapplying \$255 million from Milan's Banca Privata Finanziaria and Banca Unione.

But court sources said that although each of the 63 charges carried a penalty of up to five years and \$5,000 fine, federal judges normally imposed concurrent sentences, meaning Mr. Sindona might serve only five years altogether.

In the seven week trial, the prosecution alleged that Mr. Sindona

Death toll of blacks in S. Africa mining accident reaches 28

ORKNEY, South Africa, March 28 (AP) — Standing beside a mine shaft two kilometres deep in the world's largest gold mine, Mr. Aaron Masiza suddenly heard screams. He looked up and saw a "Mary Ann," a hoist loaded with fellow miners, hurtling down. "Before I knew what was happening, I saw strange particles fly through the air... and later noticed it was human flesh. I also saw limbs," Mr. Masiza said.

This morning, the day after the accident in the Vaal Reef mine, mine manager John Eplett said the death toll had been revised upward to 31. Originally it had been reported that 20 blacks and 3 whites died when the mine hoist plummeted to the bottom of the shaft. But Mr. Eplett said, "Looks as if there were more blacks dead than we feared. Twenty-eight we think."

The "Mary Ann," a two-deck elevator cage, has a capacity of 40 miners. Mr. Eplett said the hoist apparently jammed against the shaft wall as it began its descent. It jerked free, but in the meantime the hoist cable had been piling up above the lift. Suddenly freed, the cage dropped abruptly.

Mr. Eplett said this sudden strain apparently sheered off the hoist, the mechanism that connects the hoist to the cable. He said it was "the most unusual accident in my mining experience."

By this morning, all remains were cleared from the shaft, Mr. Eplett said. Workers in other areas of the mine, which employs 40,000 were continuing to work and repairs had begun on damage caused by the falling cage.

The three white miners were identified immediately, but identification of the blacks was a slow process. Most of the 400,000 blacks who work in South Africa's mines were residents of other southern African nations or from South Africa's "Homelands."

Black miners generally work nine months at a mine, living in a sort of barracks, then spend the other three months at home with their families.

One newspaper calculated that it took at least 36 seconds for the cage to hit bottom, although at least some of the victims were believed to have died before the hoist completed its descent.

About 500 miners die each year in South Africa, a Chamber of Mines spokesman said. That works out to about 1.25 deaths per thousand workers. The vast majority of those killed were blacks, who comprise about 90 per cent of the workforce.

Yesterday's accident was the third serious accident in three years at Vaal Reef. A total of 102 died there in 1978 and 66 last year. The 44-year-old mine produces almost ten per cent of the gold from South Africa, the world's largest producer.

Hostages begin second month Colombia to renew talks with guerrillas next week

BOGOTA, March 28 (R) — The Colombian Government will renew negotiations with leftist guerrillas holding about 29 hostages inside the Dominican Republic embassy here next week, according to Foreign Minister Diego Uribe.

The minister's announcement last night indicated that the occupation by guerrillas of the M-19

movement who stormed the embassy on Feb. 27 would drag on for a few more days at least.

The last round of talks on Wednesday had ended with indications that the two sides were nearer an agreement. But government sources said yesterday that prominent members of all the five main guerrilla organisations in Colombia were on the list of 28 prisoners the embassy occupiers wanted released.

The government has said it cannot release these prisoners without contravening the country's constitution. But the guerrillas, who also want a further 42 prisoners released, said the release of the 28 was non-negotiable.

A spokesman at the U.S. embassy said a special American envoy arrived here on Wednesday for talks with government officials on the situation and would present a report to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Washington next week.

U.S. Ambassador Diego Asencio is among 11 heads of diplomatic missions being held hostage inside the embassy.

An official source said three people accused of being members of the M-19 organisation were cleared of all charges yesterday by a military court.

But the court is still hearing the cases of more than 200 other people accused of being M-19 members and other offences.

Three high officials in El Salvador junta resign, flee country

SAN SALVADOR, March 28 (AP) — Three senior members of El Salvador's government, including an architect of its sweeping land reform plan, have quit and fled the country to protest the regime's inability to put an end to the political violence that has taken at least 27 lives in the past two days.

Economics Minister Oscar Menjivar, Education Minister Eduardo Colindre and Deputy Agriculture Minister Jorge Villacorta left yesterday after submitting their resignations to the military-civilian junta because it was "unable to stop the repression."

There was no comment from the junta as it struggled with the rising tide of violence from both the left and right.

Mr. Menjivar, a Christian Democrat, and Mr. Villacorta, an independent, went to Costa Rica, while Mr. Colindre, a Christian Democrat, went to Mexico. The Christian Democrats are the chief political supporters of the junta and two of the three civilian members are leaders of the party.

Mr. Villacorta was one of the drafters of the land redistribution programme initiated by the government nearly three weeks ago to divide large farms among the peasants. A U.S. land reform expert said the government has expropriated 50 to 60 per cent of this Central American nation's largest estates. But he said it was not yet clear whether the authorities would move quickly enough to defuse mounting tensions.

Meanwhile, thousands continued to file past the coffin of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, the most prominent victim of the political warfare. His body lay in state in the cathedral where he will be buried after a funeral mass on Sunday.

The archbishop, an outspoken critic of the military and defender of the nation's poor, was killed Monday by a sharpshooter's bullet fired through the open doors of a hospital chapel where he was preparing to say mass.

The government said its investigation had turned up no leads. Church and U.S. embassy officials said the slaying appeared to be the work of a professional assassin. One source said American police officials were aiding in the investigation and the government also called on Interpol, the international police agency, for help.

National guard sources reported two major clashes between guerrillas and leftist guerrillas Wednesday and yesterday.

One firefight occurred as government troops were searching for arms in Ciudad Barrios, the birthplace of the slain archbishop, 176 kilometres east of the capital, the sources said. The second was near San Vicente, 48 kilometres east of the capital, where guerrillas tried to ambush a government patrol. Seven guerrillas were killed in that attack, the sources said.

The remaining ten fatalities came in isolated shooting incidents across the country, the sources reported.

World News Briefs

LONDON, March 28 (AP) — A reward of £300,000 has been offered for the recovery of ten tons of silver stolen in Britain's second biggest robbery. The reward is believed to be the largest on record in this country, said Douglas Jackson and Company, a London firm of loss adjusters. The firm valued the 321 stolen ingots at around £3 million, rather than the £4 million first reported when the heist took place last Monday from a truck on the outskirts of London. Scotland Yard said today it was continuing to question several men pulled in during dawn raids on homes in east and north London yesterday. Nobody has been charged so far and none of the silver has been recovered. The silver was on its way to Tilbury docks from a London bullion house for shipment to East Germany when the robbery took place.

ADELAIDE, March 28 (R) — Rescue vessels today saved 72 crew who abandoned a blazing Lebanese livestock carrier off the South Australian coast, but two others are still missing. A Polish fisheries research ship picked up the first batch of survivors from lifeboats within sight of the burning vessel, Farid Fares, which was carrying 40,000 live sheep, rescue officials said. An ore carrier soon joined the rescue operation and officials said all but two of the ship's crew of 72 were saved. Rescuers reported no casualties among the survivors. The search operation was mounted when distress signals were heard just after midnight. Air force Orion planes located the stricken vessel and lit up the night skies seeking survivors. Aircraft are continuing to scan the waters for the two missing men.

PARIS, March 28 (AP) — Mr. David Dacko, president of the Central African Republic, left France today for Bangui after a six-day visit to Paris during which President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing assured him of France's "exceptional" support. Mr. Dacko came to power in September in the French-backed coup that overthrew Emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa. But the new president inherited a bankrupt, corruption-riddled country in need of massive development aid. A communique issued from the Elysee Palace said the economic "effort without precedent" to Central Africa that was begun in January will continue. The major French effort is being made in the area of transportation, rural development, communications and health. French officials said. At the end of their meeting yesterday, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said Mr. Dacko's visit "symbolised the new-found liberty and dignity in the Central African Republic."

Fighting in Chad capital rages on

PARIS, March 28 (AP) — Factional fighting in the beleaguered Chad capital of N'Djamena raged for the seventh straight day today as a special commission still was unable to put together a ceasefire and thousands of refugees streamed from the city.

Following what has become a daily pattern, a relatively quiet night was broken at dawn with mortar fire, followed shortly by heavy exchanges of artillery, machine-guns and small arms, according to reports reaching Paris.

The International Red Cross announced it had asked both of the main rival Muslim leaders, President Goukouni Oueddei and Defence Minister Hissene Habre, to halt the fighting for 48 hours to allow evacuation of the civilian population.

A provincial governor in neighbouring Cameroon estimated that at least 30,000 refugees from N'Djamena have crossed the Chari River into Cameroon. Thousands of others have fled into the Chad bush.

The special ceasefire commission, made up of delegations from both sides, the French and Egyptian ambassadors, the Saudi Arabian charge d'affaire, and Imam Ibrahim Moussa, head of Chad's Muslim community, has failed to make any headway, the French news agency Agence France-Press (AFP) reported from N'Djamena.

It was impossible to determine the number of casualties from the week of fighting, but AFP reported that more than 19 wounded have been treated by Red Cross at the French military installation near the airport. Traffic in the city is at a standstill because of the fighting and numerous barricades. Water and electricity supplies have been cut.

Minister of Justice Djona G was quoted by AFP as saying confrontation is developing in an anti-Habre fight with those other tendencies lining up behind the president to fight off what he saw as the defence minister's attempt to expand his area of influence in the country.

Mr. Golo said that since his arrival, Mr. Habre's forces moved into several areas in eastern and central parts of the country, far from his home territory near the Sudanese border.

AFP said leaders of Mr. Habre's forces say the action was necessary to put an end to the "vociferous" Interior Minister Mahamat Abba said, who allied his pro-Libyan forces with Goukouni.

The Christian forces of Wadal Abdelkader Kamo have moved to the outskirts of the capital and are battling Habre's troops from the AFP said.

Mr. Golo, a southern Christian, accused Mr. Habre of being responsible for the failure of new government of national unity to implement the agreed signed last year in Nigeria, which the government was, ated.

Carter urges Congress to enact more of energy plan

WASHINGTON, March 28 (R) — President Carter, cheered by final passage of his "windfall" oil profits tax, has urged Congress to quickly enact other key elements of his energy conservation programme.

The Senate passed the \$227.3 million tax of excess oil profits yesterday, 66 to 31, sending the bill to the White House for Mr. Carter's signature. The House of Representatives passed the bill, 302 to 107, on March 13. The president introduced the legislation in April 1979.

"This is good news for our country and also good news for the world," a beaming Mr. Carter told reporters after the vote.

He said Senate leaders had promised to continue work on two other key energy bills, creation of a special board to approve energy projects and federal aid for synthetic fuel production. Both bills have been stalled in Congress for several months.

Mr. Carter frequently called the oil tax bill the centerpiece of his programme to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil imports. Revenues from the tax, the largest ever passed by Congress, will be used to develop alternative sources of energy and mass transit and to help lower income families pay their energy bills.

The tax will be taken from an estimated \$1 trillion in windfall profits U.S. oil companies are expected to make over the next ten years as federal price controls on domestic oil are phased out and the prices rise to world levels.

Many members of Congress from oil-producing states opposed the bill, saying it would discourage domestic oil production. "This tax will shut down many oil wells," Oklahoma Republican Henry Bellmon warned.

But Senate Democrat Leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia said it was only fair for some of the huge profits made by the oil companies to be used for energy conservation. "This is the price the oil companies have to pay for decontrol," Louisiana Democrat Russell Long added.

Mr. Carter said he would sign the bill as soon as possible.

Marijuana 'may lead to' serious health problems

WASHINGTON, March 28 (R) — A growing body of medical evidence suggests that prolonged use of marijuana may cause lung damage and cancer and harm the reproductive system, U.S. health experts reported.

They expressed particular alarm that more and more teenagers in the United States were smoking stronger and stronger varieties of marijuana in the belief that it was harmless.

The government-sponsored report said one in ten senior high school students now used the drug, 60 per cent had tried it at least once and 37 per cent were current users.

"Many young people want to view marijuana as a simple herb with the power to enhance their lives," said Dr. William Pollin, director of the U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse.

"In fact, research is showing it as a complex drug which can negatively affect learning and motor coordination and may eventually lead to serious health problems."

The report, submitted today to Congress, said much research remained to be done, but areas of major concern included:

-- Lung damage: "From the total body of clinical and experimental evidence accumulated to date, it appears likely that daily use of marijuana leads to lung damage similar to that resulting from heavy cigarette smoking."

-- Cancer: There was no direct evidence linking marijuana smoking and lung cancer but "there is good reason for concern about the possibility of pulmonary cancer resulting from extended use over several decades." One study indicated that marijuana smoke contained more cancer-causing agents than tobacco smoke.

-- Reproductive effects: Studies showed that the sperm count decreased in young men who smoked marijuana and that some sperm of chronic marijuana users were abnormal.

Few studies had been done on possible marijuana risks for women because of fears that

female volunteers might damage their reproductive systems.

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